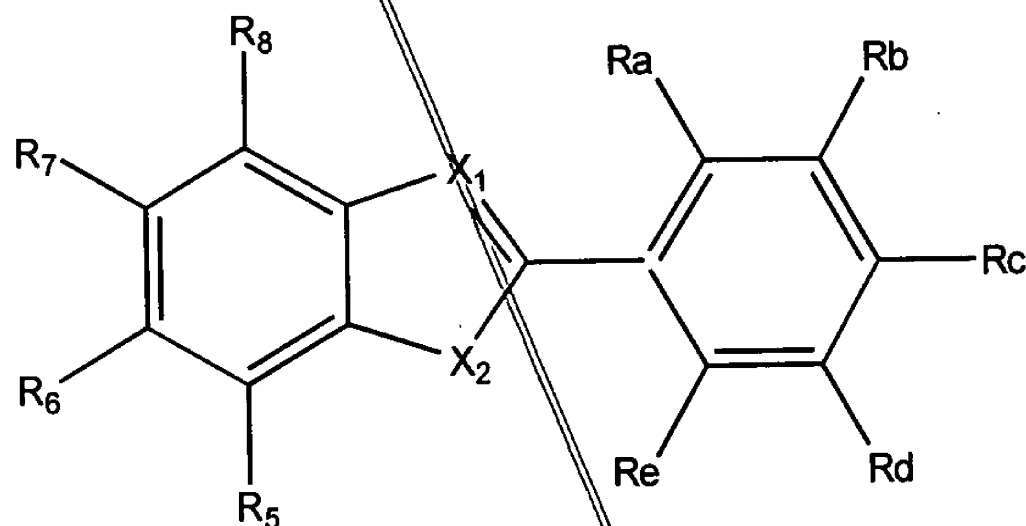


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 1, above the second-to-last line, insert "provided that R_b , R_d , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 and R_8 , if halo, are selected from chloro;" as shown below in amended claim 1.

1. **(Amended)** A compound of formula (I)(B):



wherein

X_1 is CR_1 , wherein R_1 is H, halo, cyano, amino, or nitro; and X_2 is NR_3 ;

R_3 is H, $-SO_2$ (C₁₋₆ alkyl), $-SO_2$ phenyl, $(C=O)(C_{1-6}$ alkyl), or $-W'Z'$;

W' is a covalent bond, $(C=O)$, SO_2 , or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

Z' is C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, phenyl, or C₂₋₆ heterocyclic radical, optionally including in the ring up to 3 additional heteroatoms or moieties independently selected from O, N, NH, S, SO, and SO_2 ; or Z' is $NR_{13}R_{14}$ where each of R_{13} and R_{14} is independently selected from C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, and C₂₋₅ heterocyclic radical;

each of R_5 , R_6 , R_7 and R_8 is independently H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, halo, nitro, or amino;

one of R_a , R_b , R_c , R_d , and R_e is WZ and the others are independently selected from H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, halo, nitro, and amino;
W is -O-, R_9 , O- R_9 , NR_{10} , -(CO)(O) R_9 , -O (CO) R_9 , -(CO) NR_{10} , or -N(R_{10})-CO- R_9 , wherein R_9 is C₁₋₆ alkylene, C₂₋₆ alkynylene, C₂₋₆ alkenylene, phenylene, or C₂₋₅ heterocyclic bivalent radical, and R_{10} is H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₂₋₆ alkynyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, phenyl, or C₂₋₅ heterocyclic radical;
Z is C₂₋₈ heterocyclic radical with at least one basic nitrogen atom in the ring, optionally including in the ring up to 3 additional heteroatoms or moieties independently selected from O, C=O, N, NH, NG, S, SO, and SO₂, wherein G is R_{15} , COR₁₅, COOR₁₅, SO₂R₁₅, SO₂N, CSR₁₅; or Z is $NR_{11}R_{12}$ where each of R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, and C₂₋₅ heterocyclic radical; or $NR_{11}R_{12}$ taken together is a C₆₋₈ cycloalkylimino radical; and R_{15} is C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₂₋₆ alkynyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, and C₄₋₇ cycloalkenyl; each of the above hydrocarbonyl or heterocyclic groups being optionally substituted with between 1 and 3 substituents selected from C₁₋₃ alkyl, C₁₋₃ alkoxy, halo, hydroxy, phenyl, and phenyl(C₁₋₃ alkyl); and wherein each of the above heterocyclic groups may be attached to the rest of the molecule by a carbon atom or a heteroatom;
provided that R_b , R_d , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 and R_8 , if halo, are selected from chloro; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, amide, ester, or hydrate thereof.

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